

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 150**  
FINAL READING

Introduced by Adams, 24

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-809 and  
2 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 provisions relating to certificate fees; to harmonize  
4 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 79-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           79-809 In addition to the requirements in section 79-808,  
4 the maximum which the board may require for the issuance of any  
5 entry-level certificate or permit shall be that the applicant (1)  
6 has a baccalaureate degree that qualifies for a certificate to  
7 teach, (2) has satisfactorily completed, within two years of the  
8 date of application, an approved program at a standard institution  
9 of higher education, (3) has satisfactorily demonstrated basic  
10 skills competency, (4) has special education training, (5) has  
11 earned college credit in an approved program, at a standard  
12 institution of higher education, for which endorsement is sought,  
13 and (6) has paid a nonrefundable fee to the department as provided  
14 in section 79-810. ~~of up to forty-five dollars for issuance of a~~  
15 ~~certificate or permit valid in all schools or up to thirty dollars~~  
16 ~~for issuance of a certificate or permit valid only in nonpublic~~  
17 ~~schools.~~

18           Sec. 2. Section 79-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
19 Nebraska, is amended to read:

20           79-810 (1) Certificates and permits shall be issued by  
21 the commissioner upon application on forms prescribed and provided  
22 by him or her which shall include the applicant's social security  
23 number.

24           (2) Each certificate or permit issued by the commissioner  
25 shall indicate the area of authorization to teach, provide special

1 services, or administer and any areas of endorsement for which  
2 the holder qualifies. During the term of any certificate or permit  
3 issued by the commissioner, additional endorsements may be made on  
4 the certificate or permit if the holder submits an application,  
5 meets the requirements for issuance of the additional endorsements,  
6 and pays a nonrefundable fee of ~~thirty~~ forty dollars.

7 (3) The Certification Fund is created. Any fee received  
8 by the department under sections 79-806 to 79-815 shall be remitted  
9 to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund. The fund shall  
10 be used by the department in paying the costs of certifying  
11 educators pursuant to such sections and to carry out subsection  
12 (3) of section 79-808. For issuance of a certificate or permit  
13 valid in all schools, the nonrefundable fee shall be fifty-five  
14 dollars, except that thirteen dollars of the ~~forty-five-dollar~~ fee  
15 ~~specified in subdivision (6) of section 79-809 for certificates~~  
16 ~~or permits valid in all schools~~ fifty-five-dollar fee shall be  
17 credited to the Professional Practices Commission Fund which is  
18 created for use by the department to pay for the provisions  
19 of sections 79-859 to 79-871. For issuance of a certificate or  
20 permit valid only in nonpublic schools, the nonrefundable fee  
21 shall be forty dollars. Any money in the Certification Fund or  
22 the Professional Practices Commission Fund available for investment  
23 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
24 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
25 Investment Act. ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the~~

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1 ~~Teachers' Certification Fund on May 27, 2003, to the Certification~~

2 ~~Fund on such date.~~

3           Sec. 3. Original sections 79-809 and 79-810, Reissue

4 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.